

The background image shows a riverbank with trees and a flood gauge. The sun is shining through the trees in the upper left, creating a bright, hazy effect. The river flows from the right towards the left. In the foreground, a flood gauge is partially submerged in the water, with its scale visible. The gauge has markings for 0.0, 0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5, 0.6, 0.7, 0.8, 0.9, and 1.0. The water level is currently at approximately 0.4.

Bribie Island Flood Mitigation

Phase 2 Engagement Summary

January 2026

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Finding solutions to reduce flood risks

Flooding in homes and businesses can cause expensive and heartbreaking damage. It can also close infrastructure like roads, cutting off access to work, study, medical care, shops, and vital family support.

The Bribie Island Flood Mitigation Study is focused on identifying cost-effective solutions to reduce flooding in four priority areas on Bribie Island, including areas at Bellara, Woorim, and two locations at Bongaree. We are also gathering information to inform broader flood mitigation and emergency preparedness projects across Bribie Island.

Between 31 January and 17 March 2025, you shared your flood experiences, such as impacts from ex-Tropical Cyclone Alfred. Your insights, combined with technical data, provided a clearer understanding of how flooding affects Bribie Island. This will help guide the development of future flood mitigation projects to reduce flood impacts and strengthen community resilience.

We shared two options for flood mitigation projects with each area for feedback between 20 October and 19 November 2025. This report outlines the feedback received during that period.

“Great! Drainage definitely needs improving. During very heavy rain events the one drain in our area fills and blocks rapidly. Appreciated!”

Respondent, First Avenue,
Bongaree

Engagement snapshot

Between 20 October and 19 November 2025, we engaged with residents of Bribie Island to gather feedback on proposed flood mitigation options and a preferred way forward. During this consultation period, we had:



2 Bongaree community information sessions with 19 attendees



194 webpage visits from 110 unique visitors



10 contributions to the online vision board



11 emails

Generally, we heard:

- Drainage in these areas is of most concern during rare, very heavy rainfall events
- For Woorim, there were mixed preferences for flood mitigation
- For Ford Street, Bongaree there was mixed feedback on both mitigation options we presented. You raised some concerns and emphasised the need for more investigations and consultation with property owners.
- For First Avenue, Bongaree there is general support for drainage improvements
- We received no feedback on proposed options for Bellara.

How we engaged

We invited your feedback over a 4-week period between 20 October and 19 November 2025.

The objective of the engagement was to gather feedback on proposed flood mitigation options to help inform the preferred way forward for each of the 4 areas.

Promotion

Opportunities to have a say were promoted via:



Email to Your Say Moreton Bay subscribers in Bribie Island and project followers



Social media posts geo-targeted to Bribie Island and surrounds



Flyer distributed to properties within and surrounding the 4 areas.

“In 2022 the backyard of the property flooded and the old pool damaged. We are in support of the Council building a bunt to protect the properties from future flooding. However we ask Council to consider building the bunt back along the line of the State Forest.”

Respondent, Ford St, Bongaree area

Collecting feedback

Community members shared their views by:



Providing comments via the online vision tool



Emailing feedback to yoursay@moretobay.qld.gov.au



Attending the Bongaree area information sessions on 11 November and 10 December 2025.

We received 10 comments via the online vision board, 11 emails, and spoke with 19 people at the community information sessions.



Flooding in Bellara (Photo provided by a resident during round 1 consultation)

What we heard

Your flood stories:

Across all 4 areas, you said heavy rainfall can cause water to pool in streets, which sometimes affects properties and garages. High tides further worsen the situation.

Consultation on options:

We presented drainage improvement options for each area and invited your feedback on the proposed solutions to help shape the path forward.

Woorim

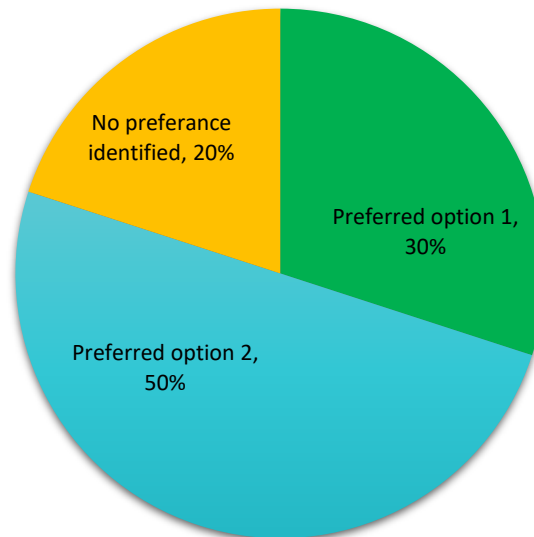
For Woorim, two flood mitigation options were shared for feedback via a map and vision tool on the project webpage:



We received **4 comments** from 3 individuals via the online vision tool and **3 emails**.

Feedback emphasised the importance of protecting Woorim Beach from increased pollution.

Your preferences were mixed. All three email respondents favoured Option 2, however two of the three vision tool respondents favoured Option 1, viewing it as a more practical and environmental solution.



Woorim area preferences

“Option 1 sounds a better option in Benny Street by increasing capacity of current drain.”

Respondent, Woorim area

“As a long-term Woorim resident, I wish to vote for OPTION 2 (Gannett Street) for new flood drains at Woorim as it seems to be a more practical and feasible option.”

Respondent, Woorim area

Bellara

We shared potential drainage improvements on the project webpage however received no community feedback during the consultation period.

Potential Drainage Improvements - Bellara area

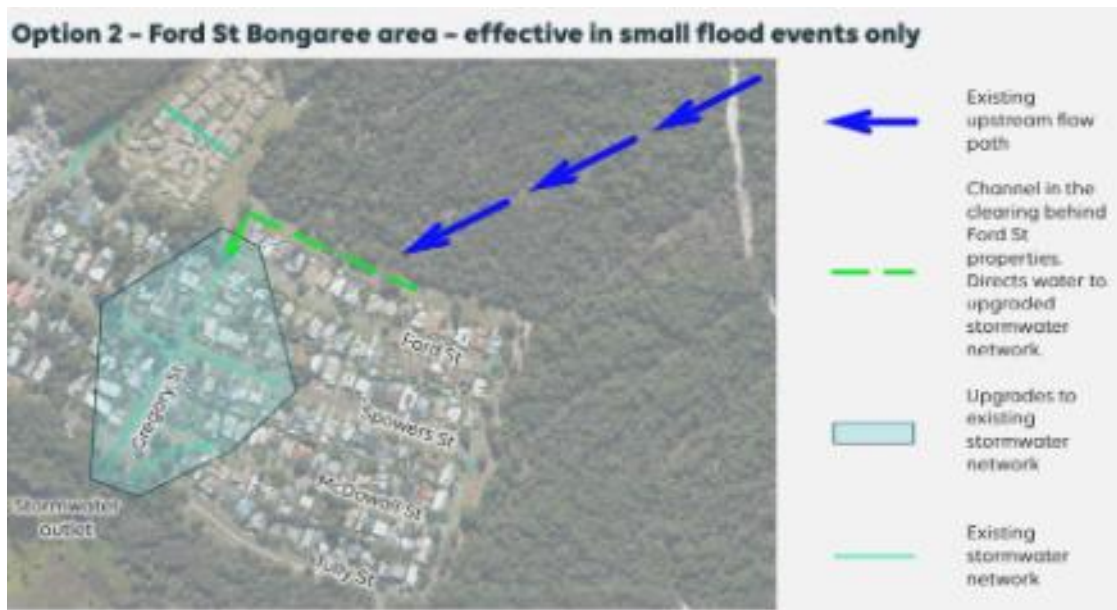


Bongaree (Ford St)

For this area, two flood mitigation options were shared with you via the project webpage and comment tool:

Option 1 - Ford St Bongaree area - effective in larger flood events





Both options involved significant changes to stormwater management. Community information sessions were held to explain how each option would work and the potential impacts and benefits of each.

We received **5 comments** from 4 individuals via the online vision tool and **9 emails**. 19 people provided feedback at **information sessions**.

Overall, while there was strong support for drainage upgrades, there was limited support for Option 1, and calls for deeper investigation into Option 2 and other alternatives.

There was also some debate about the source of floodwaters – overland flow, creek flooding or rising water tables.

Council has committed to further consultation with residents in this area.

Key themes from the vision tool, emails and community session include:

- The Gregory/Spowers intersection is seen as the worst flooding area, yet current options don't appear to address these risks.
- Concern about where floodwater will go, noting Buckleys Hole and Williams Creek gullies already back up during heavy rain. There is some concern about increasing flooding in the nearby retirement village.
- Upgrades to stormwater systems are strongly supported, with calls for bigger pipes and better drainage at Gregory/Spowers Street.
- The open channel option is unpopular. Concerns include poor connection to drains, blocked property access, and impacts on emergency vehicle routes.
- The bund option also caused concerns. You are concerned about how close it would be to houses, impacts on property values, blocked views, fire trail access and losing the bushland feel.
- You are concerned about the impact of both options on local wildlife and amenity.
- There is strong demand for property-specific assessments and clear communication of technical study outcomes.

- Alternative mitigation suggestions included a grassed spoon drain near the forested edge, redirecting water to Red Beach, or bunding further upstream.

“Both Options redirect flood waters through Gregory Street catchment. Is there a risk analysis considering inlet blockage hazard and consequences?”

Respondent, Bongaree (Ford St) area

Bongaree (First Ave)

Potential drainage improvements were shared with the community for feedback via a map and comment tool on the project webpage.

We received **1 comment** via the online vision tool. It expressed general support for drainage upgrades but did not indicate a clear preference for any specific treatment.



Next steps

Thank you to everyone who took part in recent Bribie Island Flood Mitigation Phase 2 consultation - whether by adding a comment on the project webpage, sharing your thoughts by email, or by participating in the Bongaree community information sessions.

All feedback collected is now being carefully reviewed and will help guide the decision-making process across the four focus areas. Once a path forward has been determined, we will share the outcomes with you.

This project does not include funding for construction of flood mitigation options. Following completion of the investigation, we will seek support from Council for the preferred mitigation options for each area and the next stages of planning. We will then seek funding to deliver the works.

To stay up to date with the latest news and for opportunities to have your say, please click '+Follow' at the top of the project webpage: moretonbay.link/Bribie-flood-hotspots

